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Dustan Roach-Matthews, 11, outside a North Vancouver apartment building yesterday that was destroyed by fire. The Grade 5 student at Westview Elementary heard a fire alarm and alerted his neighbours, likely saving lives. More coverage, pages 4 and 5.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Blaze kills 3 women

Sound of apartment fire 'like a freight train or a jet engine'

By **JEFF HODSON**
Metro Vancouver

Three elderly women were killed trying to escape from a suspicious fire that tore through their North Vancouver apartment, RCMP said yesterday.

Two were just metres from safety.

Most of those who did escape were alerted by an 11-year-old boy who ran through the halls screaming that the building was on fire.

Ilse Wilhelmine Dragossy, 84, was identified as one of the victims.

RCMP Const. Michael McLaughlin said one victim was found on the third floor. Two others were discovered in the first floor lobby of The Alana, a three-storey wood-frame apartment in the 100 block of East 19th Street.

"Sadly," McLaughlin said, "it looks as though there's a strong possibility they were trying to escape the smoke and the flames and they just couldn't get out in time."

The fire began Tuesday at 9:45 p.m. By the time firefighters arrived, three suites were fully engulfed.

Firefighters rescued six people from balconies at the rear of the building and prevented the fire from spreading.

Jordan Gillmore, 26, who lived in a third floor suite, said flames were shooting nine to 12 metres above the building, scorching the tree outside.

"It sounded like a freight train or a jet engine," he said.

McLaughlin said the fire will be treated as "suspicious" but North Vancouver Fire Chief Barrie Penman said there is nothing to indicate that the fire was "malicious."

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taken to hospital

» Between six and 11 people were taken to hospital with minor injuries, possibly with smoke inhalation.

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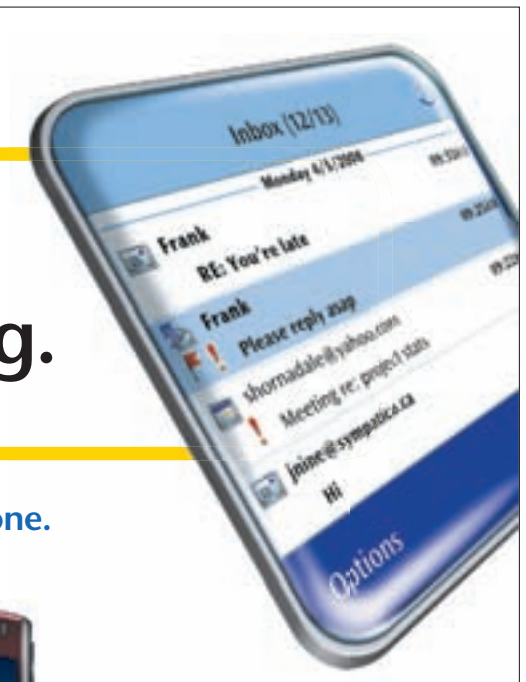

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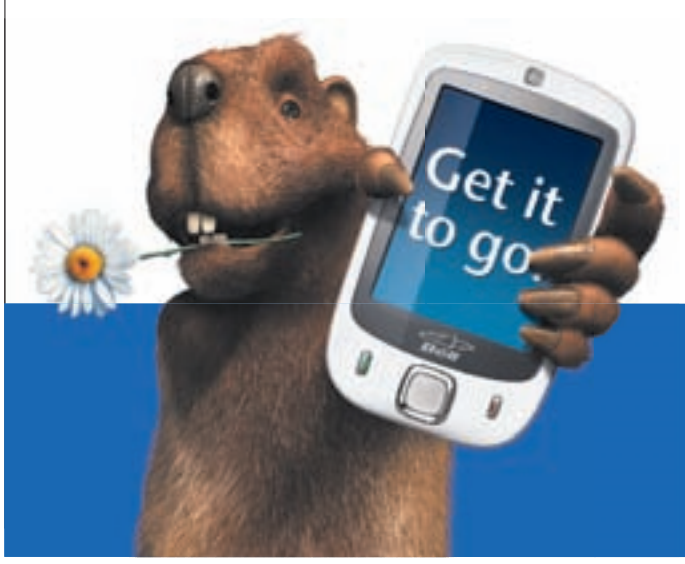

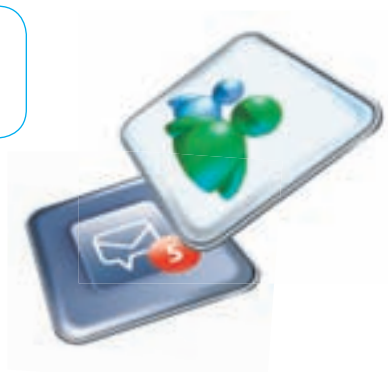

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Richmond was the first stop on the first coast-to-coast poker championship tour in Canada. Players at the River Rock Casino were vying for a share of $2.4 million in prize money.
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Zoo tragedy

One monkey dead, another missing

By **ANDREW KING**
for Metro Vancouver

"Devastated" officials at the Greater Vancouver Zoo are frantically seeking the public's help after a male spider monkey died and his female companion went missing.

Jocko, killed

Mia, missing

Jocko was found dead and the female, Mia, went missing on Tuesday night after their enclosure was broken into at the zoo in Aldergrove, where both monkeys had been long-term residents.

Fighting back tears, Jody Henderson of the Vancouver zoo said that the 12- to 15-year-old monkeys were a "part of the family." She added she has no idea who could be behind the break-in. Henderson said she believed that Mia was taken, but did not know why.

Security personnel were working at the time of the break-in but did not see anything.

Langley RCMP are investigating the case and are searching for Mia. Jocko's body is undergoing an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

»news In Brief

» **SOCCER** Youths at a Vancouver soccer tournament yesterday were officiated by some unusual referees — the police. Nearly 250 sixth and seventh graders hit Strathcona Park for the third annual Vancouver Police Athletic League soccer tournament.

» **DEATH** A bear was killed after being hit by a car on Highway 1 in Abbotsford yesterday. Conservation officers went looking for the bear after the crash and found it not far from the accident scene. The driver was not hurt.
METRO VANCOUVER

New video game **Adding a little Sugar**

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Legendary boxer Sugar Ray Leonard was on hand yesterday at Electronic Arts in Burnaby to help promote the gaming giant's newest title, EA Sports Fight Night Round 3. The game is expected to ship in 2009 for the Xbox 360 and Playstation 3 platforms.

Alleged video evidence gone

Video footage allegedly showing a teenage girl being attacked outside a Vancouver SkyTrain station, which would have helped police lay charges, has been taped over.

Const. Tim Fanning said yesterday the case is still open and officers are working toward laying charges in the absence of video evidence.

Sheshleen Datt, 18, was assaulted and robbed by six girls outside Nanaimo SkyTrain station on April 29, within view of a security camera.

Allegedly police immediately requested the tape, which is on a loop and records over itself every two hours.

But a transit officer failed to pass on the request to SkyTrain's control centre and the evidence was lost.

Police caught six girls shortly after the assault but let them go without charges due to lack of evidence.

TransLink is in the process of converting to a $1.8-million digital system that will store data for seven days.
METRO VANCOUVER

Police seek public's help in manhunt

By **KRISTEN THOMPSON**
Metro Vancouver

Scuby

Vancouver Police are asking for help finding a dangerous man who tried to confront an ex-girlfriend — whom he was formerly jailed for assaulting — at her work.

Gregory Joseph Scuby, 32, disappeared from his halfway house in late April, and Const. Tim Fanning said he's possibly living in the Downtown Eastside.

"He's looking very rough, like a person living on the streets," Fanning said.

"We're doing everything we can to make sure the victim's safe. Obviously she's very frightened of this man."

Fanning said Scuby is known to be violent and in possession of weapons, and advises anyone who sees him to immediately call police.

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David and Jackie Hartman, left, helped tenants escape yesterday's deadly North Vancouver blaze by getting them to jump off their balcony instead of attempting to escape through a smoke-filled corridor. METRO VANCOUVER

Jordan Gillmore, 26, spent the night with family after a fire forced him from his North Vancouver apartment.

Residents barred from apartment

Police say it'll be days until people can return home

Residents of The Alana don't know exactly when they will be allowed to move back into suites heavily damaged by smoke and water during an apartment fire Tuesday night.

"It will be a couple of days," said North Vancouver Fire Chief Barrie Penman, outside the 26-suite apartment yesterday.

From the rear alley, the damage appeared isolated to three charred suites on the west side of the building.

"There's a lot of smoke damage," Penman said. "It doesn't smell very good in there. There's actually no reason to push people back into their suites.

"If there's medication or car keys we can send crews in to help out. But as far as accessing the building and living in it, it'll be some time now."

Residents Jordan Gillmore and his girlfriend Kristi Hume said they spent the night with a family member, while Bryan Matthews and his son Dustan bedded down at his boss' house.

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> *Fire Chief Barrie Penman*

RCMP Const. Michael McLaughlin said it will be days before people will be allowed back home.

Ideally, he said, people will stay with friends and family. Victim services will help those who haven't a place to stay.

Matthews said he's unsure where he'll stay.

"It's the first time I've had to do this," he said. "We've got the camper."

Boy, 11, yells out

Roach-Matthews ran down halls to alert neighbours of blaze

An 11-year-old boy ran through the hallways of a burning apartment building in North Vancouver Tuesday night, yelling "Fire" and warning residents to vacate as a blaze gutted suites and killed three elderly women.

"I'm proud of him," said Bryan Matthews of his son Dustan Roach-Matthews, as the pair stood outside the fire-damaged Alana apartment building on East 19th Street yesterday morning.

"I think he contributed (to saving lives)."

At 9:45 p.m. Tuesday, the pair heard a beeping fire alarm coming from a suite on the first floor. Bryan said he instinctively disregarded the alarm, assuming that someone's burnt toast had set it off.

His son, however, went to investigate.

"I saw smoke coming out the door," said Dustan, a Grade 5 student at Westview Elementary. "I was running up and down the hallways yelling, 'Fire! Fire! Fire!' and telling everyone to evacuate.

"If I just ignored it — thinking it was the beeping of an alarm or something — we would not have been able to get out ... we wouldn't have been able to warn other people."

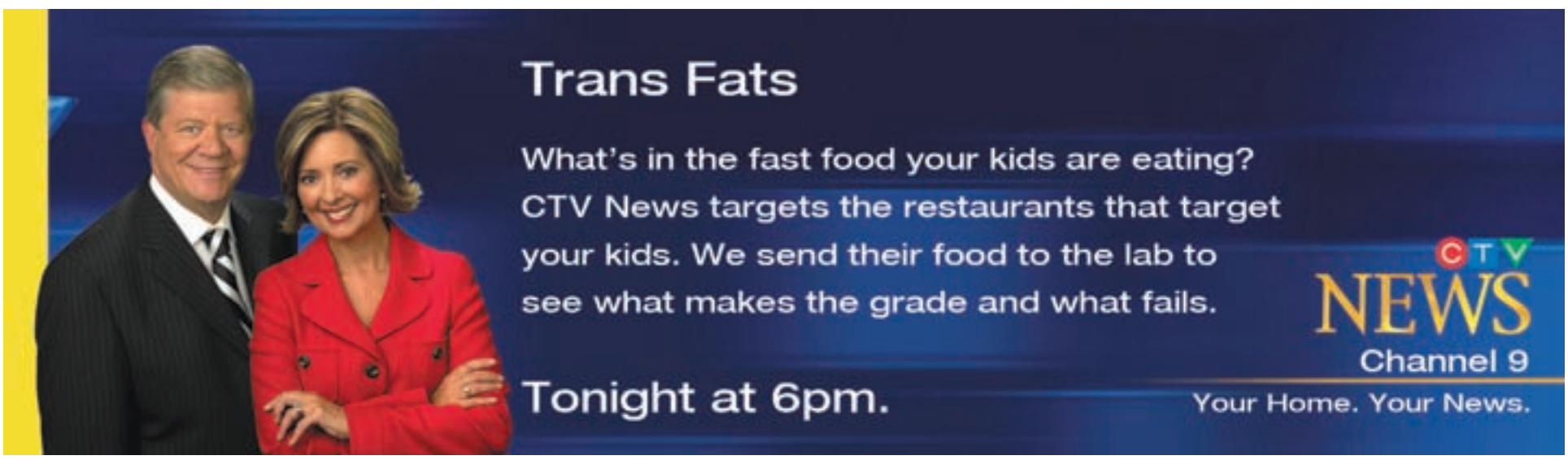
Father and son fled the building as an explosion on the first floor blew out the windows. The pair watched as flames poured out the side of the building. Bryan ran back into the building to save their cat, Stimpy, and climbed down off his second floor balcony.

"I was very scared,"

blast

» Dustan said he believes an explosion on the first floor was the elderly resident's oxygen tank exploding.

ABOVE: Bryan Matthews with his son Dustan Roach-Matthews, 11, in the alley behind their apartment building yesterday . The fire gutted the building and killed three elderly residents. RIGHT: Photos of the scene, submitted by reader Shane MacKichan.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Joy Robinson, right, suffered several stitches and lacerations to her face while saving her cat from the fire. She said the feline became hysterical as she ran through the heavy smoke. METRO VANCOUVER

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Dustan said. "I was like, 'Dad, Dad, don't go back in. You better not go back in.'"

Stories and photos by Jeff Hodson

north vancouver

Gases suspected as explosion cause

FIRE Fire investigators are looking at the possibility that a propane tank, or a medical oxygen tank, may have contributed to the speed at which a fatal fire tore through a North Vancouver apartment, RCMP said yesterday.

"There's no question about it, it moved really fast," said North Vancouver Fire Chief Barrie Penman.

The fire is believed to have started in a first-floor suite and engulfed suites above it on the second and third floors.

"It's a wood-frame building. It's as simple as that. Wood burns fast."

RCMP Const. Michael McLaughlin said the building is more than 40 years old and did comply with the fire code of the time. There were no sprinklers and few smoke and heat detectors.

Dustan Roach-Matthews, a young boy who alerted neighbours, said an explosion blew out the windows.

"We are investigating propane and even oxygen tanks as possible contributors to this fire and to the spread of this fire," McLaughlin said.

»news In Brief

» **ROBBERY** Witnesses to a robbery in South Vancouver helped police catch the suspect by calling 9-1-1, following her to a nearby house and waiting outside until authorities arrived. The teenaged suspect had stolen a woman's cellphone, which she was sitting on when police found her.

» **DRILL** More than 20,000 elementary and middle school children in Coquitlam were evacuated as part of a district-wide earthquake drill yesterday afternoon, news1130.com reports. Parents had to show up on foot to collect their kids because in a real earthquake driving might not be an option.

» **CRASH** A man drove his car into a house in Whistler after passing out while driving himself to hospital because of an allergic reaction. The accident ruptured a gas line. The driver was slightly hurt. No one in the home was injured.

» **POLL** A new Synovate poll conducted for the David Suzuki Foundation and the Livable Region Coalition shows that 69 per cent of Metro Vancouver residents are in support of redirecting money intended for road expansion projects toward improving the public transit system.

» **PRIVACY** Reports released yesterday by B.C.'s Information and Privacy Commissioner and New Brunswick's Ombudsman revealed that their governments failed to protect residents' personal health information when tapes containing their health data were lost by a courier during shipment from New Brunswick to B.C. in October of 2007.

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The Toronto Zoo has found a new home for three male reindeer after being hit by a wave of public anger last month when it euthanized two newborns because of overpopulation. REUTERS

Kyoto rule violations investigated

Canada may face UN carbon trading suspension if guilty

Canada will be investigated on suspicion of violating rules for registering greenhouse gases that are the mainstay of a UN-led fight against global warming, official documents show.

Ottawa played down the news, saying it was taking quick steps to ensure it complied by the rules.

Canada could be suspended from rights to trade carbon dioxide if found to be in breach of the rules by the enforcement branch of the UN's Kyoto Protocol. Greece was suspended last month, the first country to face such a sanction.

"On 5 May 2008 Canada was given an official notification of the decision of the enforcement branch to proceed" with a formal question over compliance with rules on registering emissions, the enforcement branch said in a statement. The enforcement branch warned Canada last month that it risked scrutiny over alleged shortfalls in its greenhouse gas registry. REUTERS

emissions

» Canada's emissions of greenhouse gases were 25.3 per cent above the 1990 level in 2005, far above its Kyoto target of a 6 per cent cut by 2008-12. Canada has said its target is unachievable.

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Fallen soldier **Ramp ceremony**

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Pallbearers carry the coffin of Cpl. Michael Starker of 15 Field Ambulance onto an Air Force aircraft during a ramp ceremony at the Kandahar air field yesterday. Starker was killed on Tuesday and another Canadian soldier was wounded while on patrol.

Illegals tip of the iceberg: Expert

Says many workers overstaying visas

Canada's border agency's failure to track down 41,000 illegal migrants may be only the tip of the iceberg as an unknown number of people simply overstay in the country after their visas expire, a security expert warns.

With the federal government's rapid expansion of the temporary foreign worker program, many of the workers may just stay, said Martin Collacott of the Fraser Institute, a national conservative think tank.

"When you have a lot of temporary workers coming from developing countries whose intention is to stay here, you better know what you are doing," Collacott said in an interview from Vancouver yesterday. "That's what we've found in other countries. It takes a large bureaucracy to keep track of them. Right now, I see no sign of that in place."

Ottawa issued 106,750 temporary foreign worker permits in 2006, and 103,000 were issued within the first nine months of 2007.

The number is expected to grow with various measures introduced by the Harper government to make it easier for Canadian employers to bring in workers from abroad. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Auditor General's report

» A report released by Auditor General Sheila Fraser on Tuesday said there were 41,000 individuals — mostly failed refugee claimants — facing immigration warrants for removal whose whereabouts were unknown in Canada.

No fear of Facebook

While many Facebook users may be secretly surfing the social networking site on the job, many Canadians say they are willing to let their employer look at their profiles, according to a poll released yesterday.

Almost half of 1,200 people questioned in an online survey said they would be comfortable sharing their personal profile with their current employer, while two in five would consider letting prospective employers look at their Facebook account in addition to their resume.

Many government departments have blocked office Internet access to Facebook, the most popular social networking site in the country. REUTERS

native communities

Smokes fuelling exploitation: RCMP

GANGS Cheap contraband smokes are fuelling the criminal activity of more than 100 different organized crime gangs who are "exploiting" native communities across Canada and their "politically sensitive" relationship with government and police, the RCMP said yesterday. They said a carton of 200 cigarettes is being sold for as little as $6. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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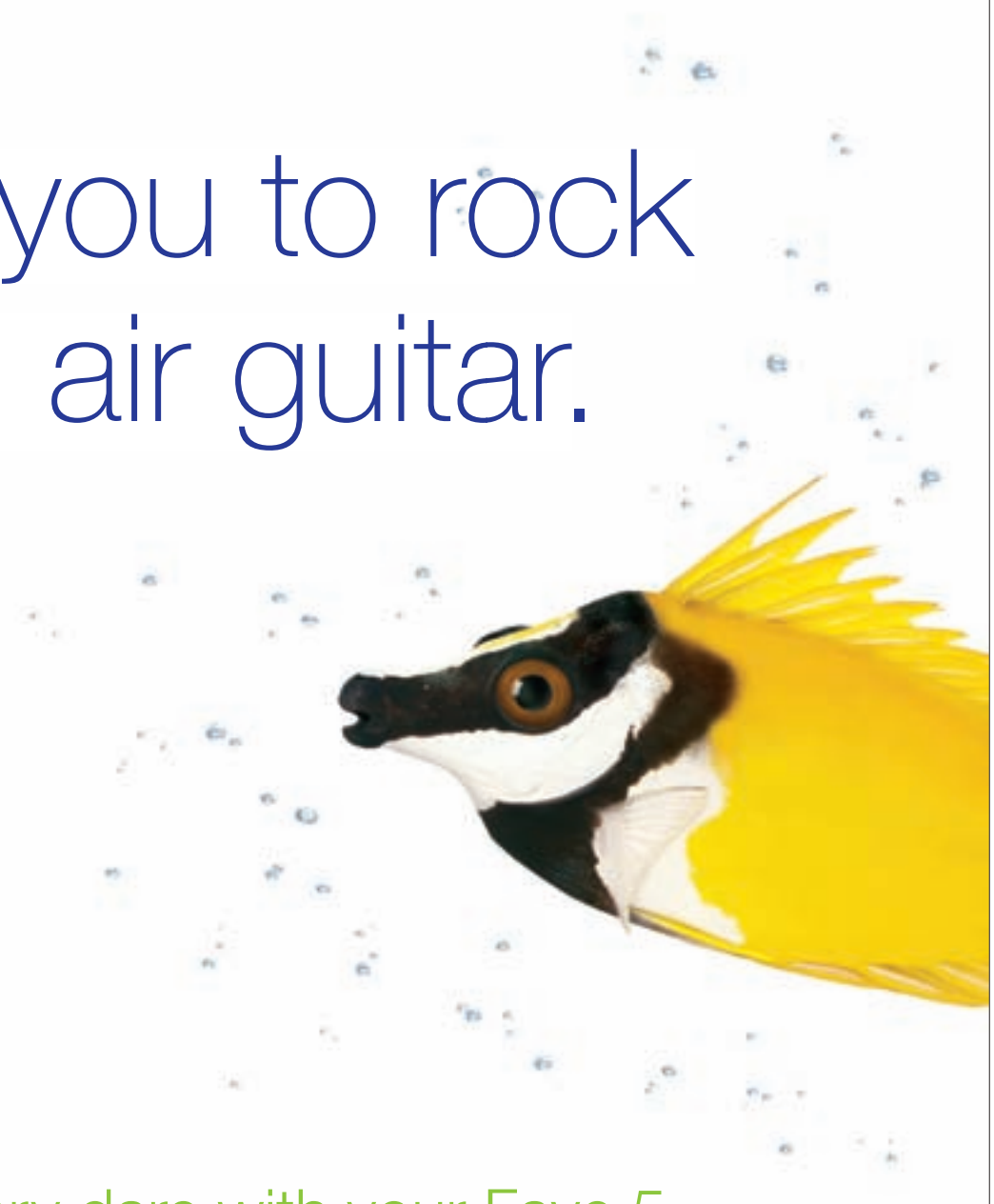

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world

Claude Monet's 1873 "Le Pont du chemin de fer a Argenteuil," left, described by Christie's auction house as "one of the greatest Impressionist pictures left in private hands," sold for $41.48 million US in New York, beating the previous record for the artist's work of $36.56 million. REUTERS

Relief trickling in

First UN aid flights land in Myanmar

REUTERS PHOTO

Children sit amidst the debris of their destroyed homes southwest of Yangon yesterday.

The first United Nations relief flights started to arrive late yesterday for cyclone victims in military-ruled Myanmar as a U.S. diplomat said that more than 100,000 people may have been killed.

The cyclone slammed into coastal towns and villages in the rice-growing Irrawaddy delta southwest of Yangon on Saturday, the most devastating storm to hit Asia since 1991, when 143,000 people were killed in neighbouring Bangladesh.

Witnesses reported that villages were destroyed and people fought for survival by clutching trees as the storm brought walls of water charging inland from the sea.

Aid has been trickling in from other Asian nations, although frustrated governments and relief agencies are putting increasing pressure on Myanmar's reclusive military rulers to throw their borders wide open to as much help as possible.

Thailand, Japan, India, China, Singapore and Indonesia were all flying in assistance.

"The first plane has arrived with food supplies and three other flights were scheduled this morning," said Paul Risley, spokesman for the UN World Food Programme in Bangkok. REUTERS

Olympic torch reaches summit

Everest ascent completed despite recent challenges

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The Olympic torch is lit atop Mount Everest.

The Olympic torch was lit at the top of Mount Everest late yesterday, the crowning moment of the Beijing Games torch relay which had been dogged by anti-Chinese protests on its world tour.

Three months to the day before the Games open, members of a 31-strong team reached the top of the 8,848-metre peak carrying the Olympic flame in a lantern before lighting the torch.

Weather had delayed the ascent for days. Security around the world's highest mountain, which sits astride the border of the Chinese region of Tibet and Nepal, was tight as China sought to prevent any demonstrations marring the spectacle.

The climbing team, which included 22 Tibetans, eight Han Chinese and one man from the Tujia minority, had been on the mountain for more than a week preparing the route along the northeast ridge. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **MEETING** More than three dozen Nobel Prize winners will meet behind closed doors and "fortress-like" security next month in the ancient Jordanian city of Petra to discuss solutions to the world's problems, including the food crisis affecting many nations.

» **FIGHTING** Supporters of Lebanon's U.S.-backed government fought battles in Beirut yesterday with gunmen loyal to the Hezbollah-led opposition, escalating the worst internal crisis since the 1975-90 civil war.

» **POLITICS** Barack Obama took a commanding lead in the Democratic presidential race yesterday, but Hillary Clinton vowed to fight on after it was revealed she had loaned her campaign $6.4 million US in recent weeks.

» **QUAKE** A strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.7 jolted a wide area of eastern Japan late yesterday, including Tokyo, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

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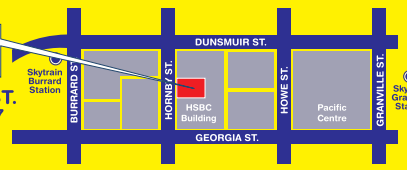

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Security costs hurting North American cars

Border delays a misallocation of resources: Minister

Chinese and Indian cars will soon hit the North American market and will have a price advantage, partly because security-related costs add to the price of North American vehicles, Industry Minister Jim Prentice said yesterday.

faster trade

» Prentice said resources should target areas of highest risks while lowering barriers and improving border infrastructure to make trade move faster.

Prentice said the costs and delays involved in North American automobile parts travelling back and forth across the U.S.-Canadian border on their way to final assembly add several hundred dollars to the price of a North American vehicle.

Speaking at a conference in Washington, Prentice said of the delays, "Not only do we hamper the legitimate trade and travel that provide the foundation for North American prosperity, but we are also clearly misallocating resources." REUTERS

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Calgary **Enbridge profits up**

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Patrick Daniel, president and CEO of Enbridge, addresses shareholders yesterday at the company's annual general meeting in Calgary. Enbridge Inc. said its first-quarter profit climbed 11 per cent as the company moves ahead on $12 billion in projects to carry oilsands crude to U.S. markets.

Pope & Talbot told to close

Pope & Talbot Inc. was told yesterday to complete an orderly shutdown of its U.S. and Canadian pulp mills as a new search is launched for buyers.

Judges in a joint Canada-U.S. bankruptcy court hearing said they were ready to appoint a Canadian interim receiver and U.S. trustee to dispose of what remains of the once-venerable, but now insolvent, North American forestry firm. REUTERS

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Toronto native Joey Votto, left, clubbed three homers to tie a Reds record as the Cincinnati cruised to a 9-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs yesterday in the rubber match of a three-game series. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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» **HOCKEY** David Rutherford scored a goal and added an assist as the Spokane Chiefs swept their way to the Western Hockey League championship last night with a 4-1 victory over the Lethbridge Hurricanes.

» **TENNIS** Rafael Nadal's bid to win a fourth straight Rome Masters title stumbled at the first hurdle when the Spaniard lost 7-5, 6-1 to compatriot Juan Carlos Ferrero yesterday and then blamed a foot injury for his defeat.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL

CONFERENCE FINALS
WESTERN CONFERENCE
DALLAS VS. DETROIT
Game 1 — Tonight
Dallas at Detroit, 4:30
Game 2 — Saturday
Dallas at Detroit, 4
EASTERN CONFERENCE
PHILADELPHIA VS. PITTSBURGH
Game 1 — Tomorrow
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 4:30
Game 2 — Sunday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 4:30

NBA

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH
Game 2 — Last night
L.A. Lakers 120 Utah 110
Game 3 — Tomorrow
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 6
(L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0)
NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 3 — Tonight
New Orleans at San Antonio, 6:30
Game 4 — Sunday
New Orleans at San Antonio, 5
(New Orleans leads series 2-0)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND
Game 2 — Today
Cleveland at Boston, 4
Game 3 — Saturday
Boston at Cleveland, 5
(Boston leads series 1-0)
DETROIT VS. ORLANDO
Game 3 — Yesterday
Orlando 111 Detroit 86
Game 4 — Saturday
Detroit at Orlando, 2
(Detroit leads series 2-1)

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto 6 Tampa Bay 2
Oakland 6 Baltimore 5 (10 ings)
Detroit 10 Boston 9
Cleveland 3 N.Y. Yankees 0
Kansas City 9 L.A. Angels 4
Minnesota 13 Chicago W. Sox 1
Texas 2 Seattle 0
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 9 Chicago Cubs 0
N.Y. Mets 12 L.A. Dodgers 1
Pittsburgh 3 San Francisco 1
Atlanta 5 San Diego 2
Florida 6 Milwaukee 2
Houston 4 Washington 3
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TODAY'S GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, 10:05
Minnesota at Chicago W. Sox, 11:05
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Tampa Bay at Toronto, 4:07
Baltimore at Kansas City, 5:10
Texas at Seattle, 7:10
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San Diego at Atlanta, 10
St. Louis at Colorado, 12:05
Philadelphia at Arizona, 12:40
Milwaukee at Florida, 4:10
Washington at Houston, 5:05

WHL PLAYOFFS

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
SPOKANE VS. LETHBRIDGE
Game 4 — Last night
Spokane 4 Lethbridge 1
(Spokane wins series 4-0)

LOTTERIES

Lotto 6/49	13, 22, 29, 33, 46 & 49. Bonus 18.
B.C. 49	11, 16, 32, 36, 42 & 47. Bonus 18.
Extra	30, 47, 68, 77. Results not official

Nonis could join Leafs

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Could **Dave Nonis** be the next GM of the Maple Leafs? Current GM **Cliff Fletcher** has made it very clear that he is only there to keep the seat warm for whoever is chosen to steer the ship, and sources indicate that the Leafs are interested in talking to Nonis about the job.

Paul Maurice got booted yesterday from the head coaching gig in Toronto, but who in their right mind would take the job behind the bench with the knowledge that a new GM could waltz in and make wholesale changes?

Many inside the hockey world assumed that **Brian Burke** would ride into the big smoke to save the Maple Leafs, but he is committed to remaining in Anaheim for at least one more season. Toronto can ill afford to wait on Burke, as this rudderless franchise needs a new direction right now.

Carolina GM **Jim Rutherford** had been rumoured to be a favourite of Leafs' ownership, which is a separate but even more convoluted issue. Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment has proven itself to be a meddling entity lacking in class; remember when CEO **Richard Peddie** publicly stated he'd made a mistake in hiring former GM **John Ferguson Jr.** while Ferguson was still on the job? Nonis is eager to get back on the horse, but he has to consider the people he would be dealing with at MLSE.

Whoever does succeed Fletcher in the front office deserves a very lucrative contract in exchange for putting up with the shenanigans that are sure to ensue behind the scenes in the self-proclaimed centre of the hockey universe.

» The world hockey championships may not get as much attention as the Stanley Cup playoffs, but you won't find a better line to watch than Canada's monstrous trio of **Dany Heatley**, **Rick Nash** and **Ryan Getzlaf**.

The combined height and weight of that line is 18-foot-10, 651 lbs and none of those players is afraid of contact. Throw in the fact that all three are extremely skilled offensively and you wonder how anyone can stop them. So far nobody's been able to; Heatley leads the tourney with 10 points in three games while Nash and Getzlaf have each averaged two points per game.

Just to give you an idea of how dominant these guys have been, TSN's **Pierre McGuire** says it might be the best line he's ever seen at any level. That's saying something since McGuire was an assistant coach in Pittsburgh when **Mario Lemieux** and company were winning Stanley Cups.

» Want to weigh in? Email me at scott.rintoul@metronews.ca.

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MVP leads Lakers over Jazz

Kobe gets trophy, scores 34 points

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Kobe Bryant received his MVP trophy and then scored 34 points, as the Lakers remained perfect in this postseason with a 120-110 win over Utah in Game 2 of their Western Conference semifinal series.

Lamar Odom came up huge with 19 points and 16 rebounds for the Lakers, while Derek Fisher scored 22 and Pau Gasol netted 20 in the victory.

"I love you guys so much," Bryant said to the fans before the game. "It's been 11, 12 years, we've still got many more years to go. We will play into June!"

After a four-game sweep against Denver in the first round, the Lakers have won the first two games of this series by a combined 21 points. It's their 10th straight win, dating back to the regular season.

Magic 111 Jazz 86 — Rashard Lewis scored a career playoff-high 33 points, and the Orlando Magic took advantage of an injury to Chauncey Billups to pull away and beat the Detroit Pistons 111-86 last night in Game 3 of their NBA Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Dwight Howard added 20 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots for the Magic, who sliced Detroit's lead in the best-of-seven set to 2-1.

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Recently crowned NBA MVP Kobe Bryant shoots over Ronnie Brewer of the Utah Jazz in the third quarter of the Lakers' 120-110 win last night at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. The Lakers now lead the best-of-seven series 2-0.

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Tiny pine beetle causes big impact

Human beings are obsessed with size. We want bigger cars and bigger houses, and, of course, men want bigger you-know-whats. But big isn't everything.

A tiny insect, the mountain pine beetle, has devastated British Columbia's interior pine forests, threatening enormous social, economic and ecological upheaval. The infestation, which is expected to kill close to 80 per cent of B.C.'s mature pine forests, was caused in large part by global warming and industrial forest-management practices.

In addition, the devastation caused by the beetles could exacerbate the unnatural warming that is already occurring. Normally, forests are carbon sinks, absorbing carbon dioxide, and storing it in plant biomass and soils below ground.

In attempting to stop the beetles' spread, the B.C. government has encouraged forestry companies to clear-cut large areas of pine forest, even though they include surviving trees of other species. However, the hyper-pace, scale, and intensity of this logging threatens to increase greenhouse gas emissions, as CO_2 is released when trees are cut down and carbon-rich forest soils are mechanically disturbed.

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Clear-cutting also kills immature trees and species such as spruce, which aren't attractive to the beetle. Trees take a long time to mature to an age at which they become marketable, so if we cut down all the pine now, many areas of B.C. won't have much of a forest industry for 80 years or more. Areas that have been clear-cut are also more prone to flooding.

Instead, the B.C. government must ensure that non-pine species aren't killed, that large areas are set aside to protect the habitat of species that are vulnerable to logging, and to preserve sensitive sites such as wetlands, lakes and rivers.

We should also learn everything we can from this epidemic, as it likely won't be the last. Other insects, such as the spruce budworm, are threatening forests in Eastern Canada, and the pine beetle itself has already leapt over the barrier of the Rocky Mountains to threaten the boreal forest that covers most of northern Canada.

Just because the beetles are small doesn't mean they are insignificant; it's not a matter of size.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at *www.davidsuzuki.org*.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is an award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster. He is the co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation in Vancouver where he lives with his wife and two daughters.

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Warming tougher on women: Nobel laureate

Climate change is harder on women in poor countries, where mothers stay in areas hit by drought, deforestation or crop failure as men move to literally greener pastures, a Nobel Peace laureate said this week.

"Many destructive activities against the environment disproportionately affect women, because most women in the world, and especially in the developing world, are very dependent on primary natural resources: Land, forests, waters," said Wangari Maathai of Kenya.

"Women are very immediately affected, and usually women and children can't run away," said Maathai, who won the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize for her work on sustainable development.

program grows

» **Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement, which started as a tree-planting program and grew into an international human rights and environmental organization.**

"Men can trek and go looking for greener pastures in other areas in other countries ... but for women, they're usually left on site to face the consequences," she said.

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Mirrored wall can be stunning

Finding the right wall though can be a challenge

I sensed a new note of glamour in a friend's West End penthouse apartment while at her dinner party a couple of weeks ago. I scanned her lovely traditional-but-never-stuffy living room but nothing looked altered. However, the dining area was looking especially sparkling.

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It turned out she had recently had three pre-measured mirrors cemented onto the wall opposite her English Bay view, to stunning effect. The mirror visually eliminated the wall and enhanced her antiques.

I've long wanted to mirror my living room wall opposite the only, large window but like many condos, that wall is the short one in a rectangular space, the most sensible spot for the entertainment unit. While dedicating that short wall to floor-to-ceiling storage and floating the furniture in a grouping makes the best use of a small living room and squares up a narrow space, mirroring that wall could do just the opposite. Any large entertainment/shelving unit would have to be placed along a long wall, exaggerating that shoebox effect.

During this especially dark winter I've tried to conjure up a way to bounce the weak natural daylight off the opposite wall while still retaining space for the TV, stereo, books, magazines and favourite objects.

One option is to get severely disciplined about what's allowed to live in the living room so the whole floor-to-ceiling shelving idea can be scrapped for a low credenza/buffet that could sit flush against a mirrored wall. I imagine a sleek vintage teak piece, with a pair of lamps book-ending a tray with pillar candles (my fireplace) and neat stacks of magazines. This vision would require replacing all the traditional stereo paraphernalia — stacked components, CDs — for an iPod and docking station.

The second option I've come up with is buying an entertainment unit composed of stacking square modules with flush doors that could be mirrored to create a large reflective grid. I'm still not sure whether that would create the light and visual space I crave or whether it would all look more suited for a bedroom.

Also, both options don't allow for hanging artwork nor do they solve the problem of having one's couch-potato reflection staring back while watching TV. It's just a matter of time before I lose the TV altogether — I'm more likely to watch the computer these days — but that reflection would still be there, a constant, subtle taunt on bad hair days and worse sweatpant evenings.

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entertainment

American Idol down to three

51 million vote tally highest so far this season

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Vancouver

CTV PHOTO

Jason Castro isn't the only American Idol contestant to forget song lyrics — David Archuleta blanked on words, too.

Jason Castro lost his chance at the American Idol crown when he didn't remember the lyrics for Bob Dylan's Mr. Tambourine Man.

The viewers were not as sympathetic for Castro, who was voted off the show last night, as they were two weeks ago with Brooke White when she fumbled on her song and had to start over. Maybe his magic has finally faded, or viewers really don't get his artistry.

It's not that Castro is a horrible singer, he's just not suited for this singing competition — he doesn't fit the Idol mould. Perhaps busking back in his hometown of Rockwall, Texas, will work better for him.

Nearly 51 million votes came flooding in following Tuesday's Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame themed show, the highest this season thus far. And it was so close that the competitors — Castro, David Cook, David Archuleta and Syesha Mercado — were all within a million votes of one another.

Before the results were read, viewers were treated with the usual song and dance, a group performance that featured the Idol hopefuls singing Reeling In The Years by Steely Dan. After host Ryan Seacrest revealed that both Archuleta and Cook were safe, judge Randy Jackson offered a few words of advice to Cook.

"You just got to keep being yourself ... you've been one of our most original ever ... and rock it out baby," said Jackson.

More performances followed including a number by pop rock band Maroon 5, which sang If I Never See Your Face Again, and an appearance by Season 4 runner-up Bo Bice, who sang his new single Witness.

This week's bottom two included Mercado and Castro. Thankfully, Mercado will be returning next week as part of the final three. She has proven to be a very strong competitor, and one to be reckoned with. Unfortunately, it was Castro's turn to say goodbye.

"It's been a pleasure ... dreams do come true, so dream big," said Castro before ending the show singing Bob Marley's I Shot The Sheriff.

legal

London cops arrest singer Winehouse

PEOPLE Amy Winehouse has been arrested after police were handed a video in January which allegedly showed her taking drugs, BBC News Online reports.

Winehouse

The singer is being questioned at a police station in east London, her spokesman said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

music

Jonas' tour lands movie treatment

CONCERTS Disney teen stars the Jonas Brothers will star in a 3-D concert film.

The movie, to hit theatres in 2009, will feature footage from the group's upcoming Burning Up concert tour, as well as a behind-the-scenes look at the lives of bandmates Kevin, Joe and Nick.

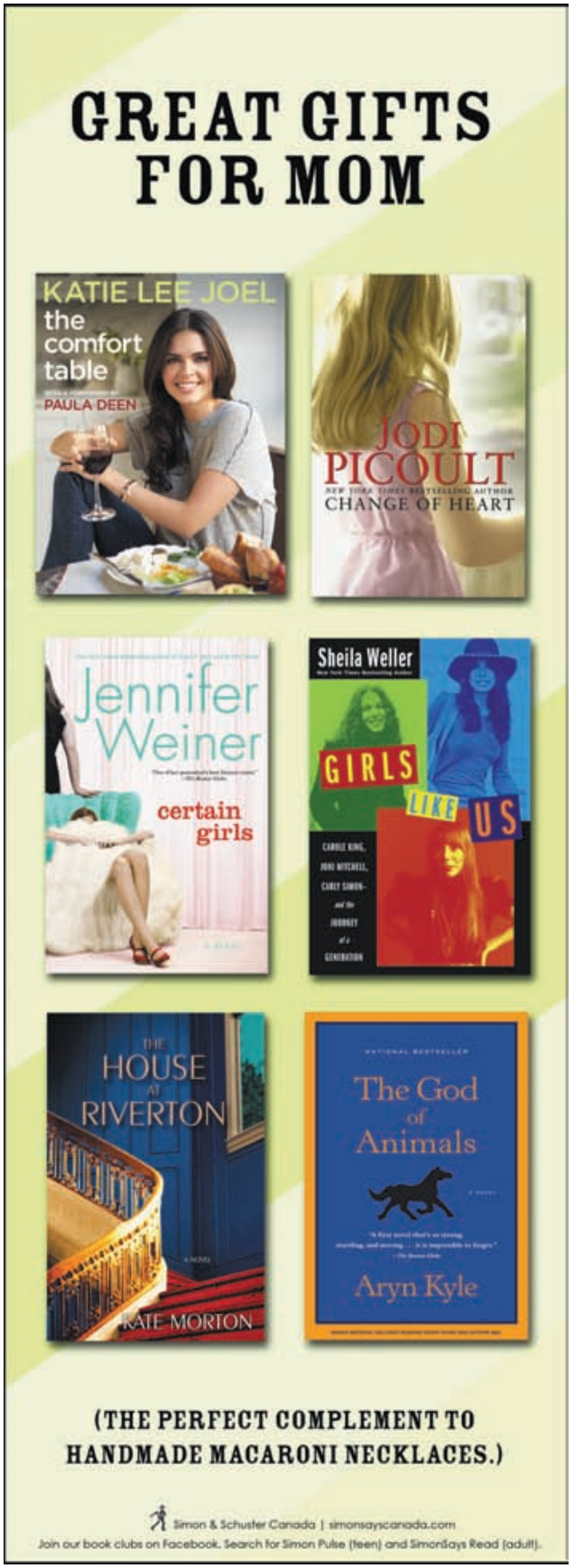
The Jonas Brothers tour is scheduled to kick off on July 4 in Toronto. **REUTERS**

gaming

Grand Theft drives millions in sales

HOT STUFF Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. scored more than $500 million US in global sales of criminal action game Grand Theft Auto 4 in its first week.

The video game publisher said yesterday that it has sold about 3.6 million units globally at the game's debut on April 29, and some 6 million units in total in the week. **REUTERS**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Ugly Betty to shift to Big Apple

MOVING ABC's Ugly Betty is expected to relocate to New York this coming season.

The comedy-drama, starring America Ferrera, is set in the Big Apple but had been filming in Los Angeles for its first two seasons.

Key to producer ABC Studios' decision to make the move is New York state's recent decision to triple its tax credit for film and TV productions to 30 per cent, with New York City offering an additional 5 per cent credit.

This will be Betty's second cross-country move. The pilot was filmed in New York, but production was shifted to the West Coast after a Big Apple shoot was deemed too expensive.

REUTERS

Mystery swirls in County

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In the quiet town of Durham County, everyone knows one another and assumes they live in a world where nothing bad can happen.

Of course, that's not the case. Here, danger lurks where you least expect to find it.

This Canadian original drama is set to make its series debut on Global on May 19 at 10 p.m. ET/PT. The story revolves around Det. Mike Sweeney (Hugh Dillon) and his family as he hunts down a serial killer who may just end up being the guy who lives across the street.

Durham County, which first aired on The Movie Network, opens with two 18-year-old girls having a picnic with an older man who lures them into the woods. While he binds their hands and rapes them, and leaves them for dead, a second man, Ray Prager (Justin Louis), hides amongst the trees watching everything.

Prager later comes back to have his own sick fun with the girls, one of whom is still alive. This character has a twisted mind, like something more is happening than we, as viewers, can fathom. It's as if he's using his marriage and family life to hide from who he really is — a psychotic man who has to be in control.

Meanwhile, Sweeney takes his wife and two daughters away from the big city after his partner is shot and moves in across the street from Prager, who turns out to be an old high school rival.

Hugh Dillon plays Det. Mike Sweeney in Durham County.

As the first episode continues, viewers learn a little more about each of the characters. Sweeney's wife Audrey (Helene Joy) has been battling breast cancer and looks to be in remission, Prager's wife Traci (Sonya Salomaa) is having issues with her husband's controlling ways, Prager's son Ray Jr. (Greyston Holt) wants to go away to a writing school on his scholarship but his father refuses to let him go.

When Sweeney and Prager reunite, the tension between them indicates they have unfinished business. And while Sweeney loves his family and struggles to make it all work he is unable to forget Natalie Lacroix, with whom he fell in love while his wife was deemed to be dying of cancer.

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Cyrus' star waning?

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THAT WAS FAST: A month ago, two major business magazines devoted feature space to a resurgent Disney and the not-old-enough-to-vote engine that was driving it: Miley Cyrus. Those issues haven't hit the recycling bin yet and already the reign of Hannah Montana at Disney looks to be waning, though it isn't likely it was just a couple of sullen photos in Vanity Fair that did it.

Audiences declined in just one week by 14 per cent as of last Sunday, according to a New York Daily News story, and Nielsen figures went on to report that ratings were down 26 per cent since since January. None of this seemed to affect Disney chairman Bob Iger, who said in effect the ship was on course, and that icebergs are normal this time of year: "With a new season of shows coming up, a new record in July and a theatrical film next year, the Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus franchise is incredibly robust."

When people in the entertainment business use language like that, it's always best to look around the back to see if they're emptying out the store. As any parent will tell you, childhood is brief and cuteness briefer, so why is Disney banking so much on an artist whose audience was wearing Dora sneakers two years ago and will be posting "happy slapping" videos on YouTube in another two?

The Daily News story summed it up: "Experience shows that kid franchises such as Hannah that hit the rare white-hot phase are good for roughly 18 months, then start to fade." As parents will also tell you, by the time you've figured out what your kids are watching, listening to and talking about long enough for you to buy them the merchandise, they've already abandoned that fad and have moved on to new enthusiasms — like illegal pharmaceuticals, or self-mutilation. It's nice to know that business writers and the people who employ them are as hopeless as you.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

Women bond stepfamilies

A WOMAN'S WORLD
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We all know the classic Disney story of Cinderella and her wicked stepmother, who kept her as a maid while her ugly stepsisters behaved like princesses.

Though an extreme scenario, it was a predictor of the current era, when stepmothering is common, and the possibilities for a negative relationship exist. Today, many people remarry, and countless women find themselves in the stepmother role.

Well, the hard reality is this: It's entirely up to those women, who marry men with children from a previous relationship, to guide the way for the families to merge. Basically, the stepmother-stepchildren relationship depends on how *the woman* acts and reacts.

Remember, the children don't ask for this new arrangement, and they're often burdened with divided loyalties.

Some women respond to their new role by wishing their husband would forget about his previous family, and they may do everything in their power to ostracize and separate the stepchildren. No matter how "good" the children may try to be, or how understanding and mature, they cannot compete with their father's new bride, especially if she's willful and manipulative. And in the end, barring they don't divorce, she'll win.

Other women may come up against serious anger, aggression, even resentment from their new stepchildren. No matter. If they're kind, loving, easy-going, and understanding, they'll eventually break down the walls these children have created, and help them grow into an extended family.

It's not easy, or that cut and dry. But remember: The children, whether babies or grown, didn't choose you over their real mother. It's up to **you** to win them over.

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Hot workout tops help stay cool

STYLE FILE
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ask kim

I have three baby showers to go to next month and I need to buy gifts. Where can I find unique items for my friend's babies?

I'm glad you're searching beyond babyGap. Check out local independent stores like lola in Yaletown (1076 Hamilton St.) for sweet trends by Burberry, Hip baby near Kitsilano (2110 W. 4th Ave.) is also a good one and Modernkid in Gastown (45 Water St.) is without a doubt the store for cool toys.

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running jackets

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accessorize

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workout tops

It's essential to be hot but not be literally hot while working out so consider the following tops the next time you're out shopping for workout gear. Say goodbye to unwanted and irregular sweat marks with 'body mapping,' this is a new technology that wicks moisture away from your back, chest and armpits. For those rainy or windy days outside be extra comfortable with a long-sleeved shirt and thumbhole cut outs. Stay secure with a built-in sports bra and tank.

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Comedian Stephen Colbert was awarded the Webby Person of the Year award.

Comedian Colbert takes home top Internet award

Comedian Stephen Colbert, whose mock U.S. presidential campaign was cut short, came out a winner on Tuesday when he walked away with a Webby award as the Internet's Person of the Year.

Other special achievement winners in the 12th annual Webby awards, known as the "Oscars of the Internet," included Black Eyed Peas' frontman and songwriter will.i.am, recognized as Artist of the Year, and French filmmaker Michel Gondry, who took home honors as Video Person of the Year.

The Webby awards, which honor excellence on the Internet, are presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, a 550-person judging academy. Winners will be honored at ceremonies on June 9 and 10th in New York, and, as always, will be limited to just a five-word acceptance speech.

Colbert won the highest honor for "the innovative way he has used the Internet to interact with fans" of his nightly cable TV show The Colbert Report.

Among other web achievements, a campaign by Colbert's fans made his show's official website the top Google search result under "Greatest Living American" and his "One Million Strong for Stephen T. Colbert" Facebook group attracted more than 78 members per minute in its first week.

Last year Colbert, who plays a pugnacious, egomaniacal talk show host on Comedy Central, cut short a playful run for the presidency after his requests to be on the South Carolina Democratic and Republic primary ballots was rejected.

The NYTimes.com and National Geographic, were among the other award winners. REUTERS

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Woody Harrelson, right, and Samantha Morton have joined the cast of the road movie The Messenger. The film has been billed as a poignant, life-affirming drama. REUTERS

movies

Common joins 'Terminator' cast

CASTING Rapper Common will have a starring role in the upcoming Terminator Salvation: The Future Begins. The Chicago MC will play a freedom fighter named Barnes who is defending the human race against a machine that aims to destroy it. Common will star alongside Christian Bale, who will play the main character, John Connor. The film is set to hit theatres in May 2009.

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»news In Brief

» **PAPARAZZI** Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling has won her battle to ban further publication of a long-lens photograph of her son, in a privacy case her legal team called a major development in British law.

»going out

8 p.m. Kate Nash performs live. At Richard's on Richards, 1036 Richards St. Tix: $20. Info: *richardsonrichards.com*.

9 p.m. The Stripped Concert Series Vol. 14 featuring music by local rocker Finding Friday and the screening of two short films by Ozan Biron and Rod Scobie. At Ginger 62, 1219 Granville St. Tix: $12. Info: *strippedseries.com*.

9 p.m. Run GMC with guests Lions in the Street and Grass City live on stage. At the Plaza Club, 881 Granville St. Tix: $9.93. Info: plazaclub.net

9:30 p.m. Paul Harris Dirty Vegas. At Atlantis Nightclub, 1320 Richards St. Tix: $20. Info: *atlantisclub.net*.

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Treat yourself to a trench

Spring Coats on Sale at Laura

IT'S NOT quite flip-flop weather just yet and the nights are still cool. What's a fashionista to do when it's definitely a new season, and yet the dreamy climes haven't quite surfaced? Don't revisit your winter coat — keep it in storage until next November. Instead, treat yourself to a trench or a lighter jacket in a more inspired hue for the transition into spring. Coral, spring green, white or even mocha shades are preferable to wooly black.

And, since spring is the shortest season in the Canadian calendar, the timing is right to snag the deepest deals on lighter coats and jackets now on

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sale at **Laura**. Savvy shoppers will find a good selection of chic and stylish cuts as seen in the fashion magazines, alongside more classic silhouettes. Bonus: several of the cutest styles come in petite, regular as well as plus sizes (with most now priced below $100).

Barbie's Basement Online

BARBIE'S BASEMENT Jewellery, popular amongst fans of pop culture, rock and roll and glitter, recently launched its online boutique. Now you don't have to wait for annual gift shows and special events to snag their sparkly goodies. It's even possible to order custom work (such as a kooky ID tag for your pooch or custom cufflinks for your sweetie) online, so check out the latest quirky-cool pendants, belt buckles, rings, magnets and oodles more at: *www.bbj.ca*. Bonus: until the end of May, shipping is free to anywhere in Canada (lots priced under $20).

Shop 'Til It Stops

IN ITS continued efforts to support the Canadian Women's Foundation Shelter from the Storm campaign, **Winners/ HomeSense** Canada has committed to donating a percentage of today's retail sales to the CWF. So, if you're planning to get your Mother's Day gift or something fab for yourself at Winners this week, go TODAY, and know that you're shopping for a good cause (to prevent and end the cycle of violence against women). And, if you use your BMO Mosaik Mastercard to pay for your purchase, BMO will donate an additional amount to raise more funds for Shelter from the Storm.

The timing is right for a trench. Check out Laura's spring special on this chic coat.

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critics'corner

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
Any resemblance to an actual sitcom star is purely coincidental ... maybe. The new episode "Two and a Half Deaths" continues the crossover story begun on "Two and a Half Men." Penned by the sitcom's writers, it has Grissom (William Petersen) and company investigating the murder of a television star (Katey Sagal) who was notoriously difficult to work with. Not that "Two and a Half Men" producer Chuck Lorre would know anything about that. 8 PM on CTV

Scrubs
Yeah, this new episode is gimmicky, but "Scrubs" does those well. Dr. Cox (John C. McGinley) tells his son about his day by spinning a fairy tale starring the Sacred Heart staff. Elliot (Sarah Chalke) is a princess with an ailing handmaiden, J.D. (Zach Braff) is the village idiot, the Janitor (Neil Flynn) is a giant, Turk and Carla (Donald Faison, Judy Reyes) are a two-headed monster, and Kelso (Ken Jenkins) is the Dark Lord. Cox? The hero, of course. 8:30 PM on NBC VI

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	253	359	13	CITY	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ugly Betty (N) (CC)		Supernatural (N) (CC)		America's Smartest Model		Realty TV
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	291	383	27	PBS	Steves Europe	Ask This Old	Change Your Brain, Change Your Life (CC)				Stay Rich Forever & Ever With Ed Slott (CC)		
	290	382	28	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics! (N)		News (N) (CC)		Family Guy
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	296	654	64	SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Cheers (CC)	South Park	Comics Un.	Half & Half	Entertainment	The Insider	Paid Program
	298	653	65	TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smallville "Quest" (N) (CC)		Supernatural (N) (CC)		KTLA Prime News (CC)		Friends (CC)
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	616	522	39	SHO	ReGenesis "Dim & Dimmer"		Intelligence (CC) (DVS)		G-Spot (CC)	Exes & Ohs	The Shield "Haunts" (CC)		House (CC)
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	601	562	41	SLC	Biggest Loser Australia		Rich Bride, Poor Bride (CC)		Last 10	Bulging Brides	Biggest Loser Australia		Trading Sp
	520	505	42	DIS	MythBusters (CC)		Daily Planet		Dirty Jobs (CC)		Hindenburg: Titanic of the Skies		
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	627	528	45	SPC	Night Stalker "Three" (CC)		Stargate SG-1 (CC)		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)		Alias (CC)
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) Van Helsing ★★ (2004) Hugh Jackman.			Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:40) Rat Race ★★ (2001, Comedy) Rowan Atkinson. (CC)			
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	603	561	52	FN	Secret Life of	Secret Life of	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Iron Chef America (CC)		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Secret Life of
	626	547	57	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	VIP	Jon Dore	Daily Show
	320	621	60	CEN	Blood Diamond ★★★ (2006) Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Connelly. (CC)					(:25) A Mighty Heart ★★★ (2007) (CC)			(:15) Babel
	581	566	101	MTV	Made Hip hop dancer. (CC)		MTV Live (CC)		The Real World (CC)		Made Hip hop dancer. (CC)		MTV Live
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Stella calls shotgun on Scarlett's dress

Looks like newly engaged Scarlett Johansson can cross shopping for a bridal gown off her to-do list. "I'm definitely doing her wedding dress," says fashion's Stella McCartney, People.com reports. There's only one hitch before Johansson, 23, gets hitched to fiancé Ryan Reynolds, according to McCartney: "She doesn't know it yet." As for what McCartney has in mind "You know, some kind of dodgy, black thing," McCartney, tongue firmly planted in cheek, joked. "Latex! Latex for Scarlett!" Metro News Services

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Lisa Marie feeling 'unusually well'

Pregnant Lisa Marie Presley says she's "feeling unusually well" these days – and addressed an apology issued by Britain's Daily Mail, People.com reports. "I'm feeling unusually well and happy being pregnant thank you," she writes. She added, in reference to the apology over text claiming that Presley was pursuing a poor diet like her late father, Elvis, "when you finally (get an apology) it is never in the same magnitude as slanderous story. Regardless, I accept their attempt at redemption." Metro News Services

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Third time a charm?

Charlie Sheen is to wed fiancée Brooke Mueller at the end of the month, *i*mdb.com reports. The couple has told In Touch magazine exclusively that the nuptials will take place on May 30.

Sheen and Mueller met at a party in early 2006, just after Sheen had separated from his then-wife, Denise Richards. The Two And A Half Men actor proposed to the real estate agent-turned TV personality last summer.

This will be Sheen's third marriage and Mueller's first.

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Davis turned to booze?

Sex And The City star Kristin Davis regularly drank alcohol because she was "painfully shy" and she was desperate to be more outgoing in her 20s, femalefirst.co.uk reports. "Alcohol freed me. I was really shy and I didn't know how to come out of my shell," she said. Metro News Services

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Brown, Rihanna 'very close'

It's as close to a confession she's going to give (for now.) Singer Rihanna has finally admitted that something more than friendship is brewing between her and fellow R&B heartthrob Chris Brown, intouchweekly.com reports. "We've always been friends," she revealed in Elle's June issue, "but we're very close now." Metro News Services

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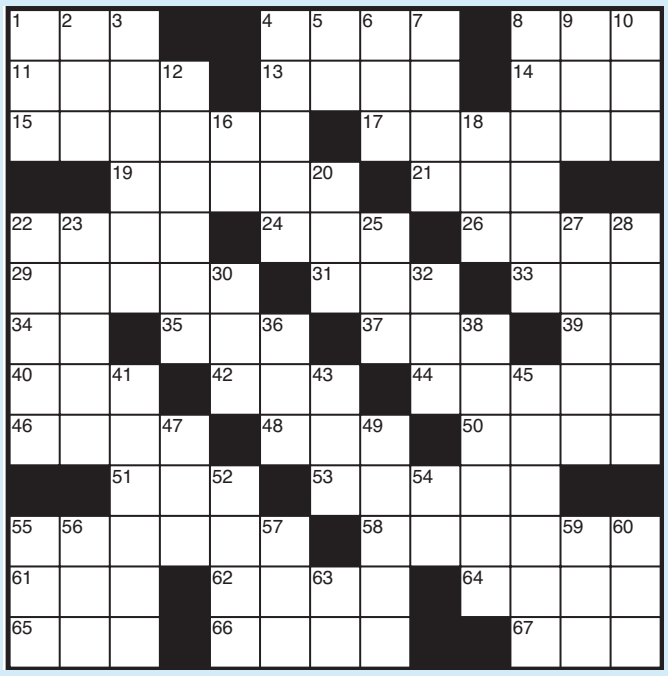

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46 Veneer wood
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50 Nosegay
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previous answer

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Passion will bloom in the blink of an eye. Help someone who is unsettled by changes. A specialist will appear at night time.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
A confused colleague gets lost in a bureaucratic maze. Toss off a glum expression or you'll be teased. Weather affects your health and wealth.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Whatever you do, don't lose your temper. Make some changes in your personal space. Don't get caught trying to influence anyone.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A rival keeps you from doing something you like. If a man is acting out of self-defence, avoid him. You can get rid of an infection now.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
You aren't asking too much from life. Make sure others understand your philosophy. Damning items will be discovered.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
You have the potential to be more dynamic. A sentimental person wants to see you. Spirits will be dampened by a web of intrigue.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Try to appear to be more down-to-earth. Some progress can be made despite opposition. Great new opportunities will be tried out.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
A problem is given to you to deal with. Someone needs attention when you're at a deadline. You'll find a way to be more fulfilled.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
Don't get lost when giving directions. There's a surprise in store for a friend. Too much eagerness might be counter-productive.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
An allergic reaction is caused by food. A reluctance to commit will lead to a break-up. A brash guy will cause a ruckus.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
A wistful person needs more attention. You'll jump for joy after hearing good news. Don't let your talents waste away from disuse.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
A crazy woman has new tricks up her sleeve. Find yourself a quiet room in which to think. Make resolutions about the future. AVATAR VENUS

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instructions

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

May 8, 1886: Pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invents a carbonated beverage that would later be named "Coca-Cola."

May 8, 1919: Edward George Honey first proposed the idea of a moment of silence to commemorate The Armistice of World War I, which later resulted in the creation of Remembrance Day.

May 8, 1933: Mohandas Gandhi begins a 21-day fast in protest of British oppression in India.

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Vancouver weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Variable. 13°	Clear. Low 6°	Variable. 13°/ 8°	70% Rain. 13°/ 7°	Partly sunny. 13°/ 8°

Temperature Normals
High: 15.8°
Low: 7.4°

Records
High: 22.2°/1997
Low: 3.3°/1948

Sunrise: 5:38 a.m.
Sunset: 8:40 p.m.
Moonset: 12:24 a.m.
Moonrise: 7:49 a.m.

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